

Draft

**Heartland Regional
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

October 22, 2012

Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Heartland Regional Local Human Rights Committee met as scheduled at the Helton House; 24478 Prince Edward Highway; Rice, Va 23966. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

LHRC Members

Present:

Eunice Lee, Chair
E. Carlton Stark
Shirley Sprague

Absent

None

Human Rights Advocate

Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate (current)
Kevin Paluszak, Regional Advocate (former).

Affiliates

Present:

Cheryl Spencer	Bridgeway Residential Services
Demnez Moss	Bridgeway Residential Services
Michael Helton	Helton House, Inc.
Edward Helton	Helton House, Inc
Kris Drew	Helton House, Inc.
Randy Redd	Virginia Family Services
Sandy Pryor	Miah's House LLC
Camilla Scott	Mary's Rest Home for Adults, Inc.
Mary Taylor	Mary's Rest Home for Adults, Inc.
Priscilla Davis	Faces of Hope, LLC
Lawrence Woodson	Family & Adolescent Services
Brie King	Counseling & Advocacy Associates, LLC
Melissa Miller	Bright Futures of Virginia, LLC
Laura Davis	Hope Tree Family Services
Steven Wendelin	Apex Day Support Services
Dorsey Drawhorn	Amelia Residential Estates

Absent:

Levoc Family Services

Approval of Minutes:

No minutes from April 2012 meeting have been offered for approval.

Welcome:

Mr. E. Carlton Starke was introduced and welcomed to the committee as the newest member.

New Regional Advocate – Beverly Garnes

Contact information:

Ph #: 804-524-7479

Fax #: 804-524-7398

Email: Beverly.Garnes@dbhds.virginia.gov

Public Comment: None.

Affiliation Requests:

Helton House, Inc. requested affiliation by the LHRC to add a new service to provide Supported Employment Services in addition to providing ID Waiver Residential Services, ID Waiver Day Support, and Mental Health Support Services. The committee granted affiliation to the Helton House, Inc. to provide Supported Employment Services.

Bright Futures of Virginia requested affiliation by the committee for the provision of providing Mental Health Support in Cumberland, Va. Ms. Melissa Miller provided a description of the program and services. The committee granted affiliation to Bright Futures of Virginia, LLC to provide Mental Health Support Services.

Virginia Family Services requested affiliation to add Mental Health Support to their existing affiliation to the committee. The committee granted affiliation to the Virginia Family Services to add mental Health Support Services. It should be noted that Virginia Family Services changed their name from Virginia Youth Outreach Services, Inc.

Apex Day Support Services requested affiliation by the committee at the April 2012 meeting to provide Day Support Services. The committee granted affiliation to the Apex Day Support Services to provide Day Support Services.

Regional Advocate Report/Updates:

Beverly Garnes distributed a revised version of the Provider Quarterly Report for Human Rights Activities Form to more clearly define the reporting quarterly and information to the providers. She reviewed the section in the report, encouraged affiliates to fill in all blanks and provide descriptive details where needed and highlighted where responses were required. She requested reports be faxed to her in advance of the LHRC meetings, i.e., quarterly reporting by the 5th of each month and annual reporting by January 15th. She also provided Cooperative Agreements to the affiliates/providers for their review and completion.

Beverly discussed Peer-to-Peer reporting. Affiliates/providers are to continue to utilize the current reporting forms when reporting peer-to-peer.

Ms. Garnes announced that the next State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) meeting would be held at Hampton/Newport News CSH in Hampton, Va. for those interested in attending.

Ms. Garnes provided Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training to the committee.

Affiliate Reports:

Apex Day Support: Steve Wendelin
Nothing to report

Amelia Residential Estates: Dorsey Drawhorn
Nothing to report

Bridgeway Residential Services: Cheryl Spencer & Demnez Moss
Nothing to report

Counseling and Advocacy Associates: Brie King
Nothing to report

Faces of Hope, LLC: Priscilla Davis
Nothing to report

Family & Adolescent Services: Lawrence Woodson
Nothing to report

Helton House, Inc: Michael Helton, Edward Helton, and Kris Drew
Seven allegations of neglect (5 peer-to-peer and 2, poor supervision)

Hope Tree Family Services: Laura Davis
Nothing to report

Levoc Family Services: Absent

Mary's Rest Home: Camilla Scott
Nothing to report

Miah's House: Sandy Pryor
Nothing to report

Virginia Family Services: Randy Redd
Received an unannounced visit, licensing inspection.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Regional Advocate discussed the issue of unfulfilled or vacant mandated positions on the Heartland LHRC. According to the Heartland LHRC By-Laws, membership to the committee is seven. However, the committee has had only three members for well over a year with vacancies of two consumers, which are mandated positions to the committee. By way of discussion with the Piedmont Geriatric Hospital (PGH)-LHRC, they agreed to allow the Heartland LHRC to merge with their committee effective January 2013 to assist with the ongoing vacancies. The committee and affiliates/providers will be notified in advance of the meeting, date, and location of the next scheduled PGH-LHRC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Garnes
Regional Advocate
804-524-7479